(b) Does not arae-

(c) The mutter is under finalisation.

Power theft

1935. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have nude any assessment of power theft in diffe rent States during the las* one rear, I so, the value of the electricity stolen;

(b) the measures Government have taken/propose to take to check power thefts;

(c) whether World Bank has also drawn Government's attetnion towards this State of affairs; and

(c) if so. Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) No, Sir. State Governments/SIBBs make assessment in the their respective states.

(b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by Central Electricity Autartf to the Power Utilities for reductase Transmission and Distribution losses. These include measures for reducing power theft vis-a-vis installing tamper-■roof meter taxes, intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against tat persons found indulging in theft of energy. The tbeft of energy ha* been made a cognizable offence from August, 1986 under the provisions of Section 39 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was also introduced by the Government of India amnog the 'State Electricity Boards, Electricity Departmnts etc from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Transmission & Distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

1 (b) In view of (c) above, question dose not arise.

Panadharo Lignite Power Plant

1036. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN; Will the Mini- ster of POWER be pleased to stats*

(a) the al quantum of power goesrated by the Panadharo Lignite Power Plant in Kutch district of Gujarat dur ing as h of last three years.

(b) wheher the total quantum of power generated was sufficient for Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c) whether some foreign countries and NRIs are seeking investment in the Lignite Power project to boost its power generating capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the reaction of Government there-to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a The Quantum of power generated by Panadharo lignite power Plant or Kutch district of Gujarat State during last three years is as given below:—

Year	Energy Generated (MU)
1991-92 . . .	424
1992-93 . . .	557
1993-94 . . .	668